

Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop with Members of the Senior Citizen Community

March 18, 2009

Meeting held at Esperanza Apartments. (senior apartments)

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Participants were given 4 sticky dots to place next to the item or items they felt were most important. They are shown here by this symbol ●

Types of stores we would like to see

- Grocery store ●
- Walmart ●●
- pharmacy / drug store / Walgreens
- repair store — for TVs, etc.
- Post Office ●●●●●
- Furniture store
- small shopping center (many stores in one area)
- movie theater
- fast food — McDonalds, KFC, Pizza Hut
- diner — Sheri's, Denny's, Country Buffet
- gas station
- vegetable stand
- Farmers' Market ●
- optical shop

Services

There are already enough hair salons & barber shops

Parks

Need more police after 5 pm (after dark)
John C. Little Park & 37th Ave. Park are well maintained ●●●

Identity, Community Character

- Ballard & Columbia City feel like a community because of things like a movie theater and variety of shops ●●
- problem — streets are not maintained, potholes are a problem
- need sidewalks to feel like a city
- need to feel safe
- a gathering place would need to feel safe
- dumpsters are an eyesore, need to be hidden or other alternative (inside building?) ●
- invite local musicians to play in public areas, stores, senior apartments
- hanging flower baskets
- attractive landscaping — flowers, street trees ●
- attractive planters
- attractive street lighting

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all this for a village feel (see the 4 items above) ●●●●

community events — festival, picnic, celebrate diversity, cultural exchanges, music in the park/plaza

need trash receptacles on sidewalks, emptied regularly, should be nice-looking

need to establish a culture of no littering, not taking grocery carts — through education & high-level of maintenance ●●

Transportation

need sidewalks, would like to walk to local stores

we walk, take the bus

we will ride the light rail & go downtown to library, doctors, shopping, museum (SAM)

need to be safe riding light rail (even in the evening)

need bike racks at stores

better lighting on street for safe walking

Parking

must make sure there is adequate parking for any new stores, buildings ●●●

concerns about spill-over parking from light rail station

want street parking on 37th Ave. S. preserved ●●●●●

parking is already inadequate ●●●●●●●●●●

need more parking enforcement, especially disabled parking ●

Concern

Will the plan really be implemented?

Misc. (off topic)

Metro Route 160 — I travel from Othello\MLK to Renton for my job at Walmart. Will this route be cut when the light rail begins this summer? How will I get to work?